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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The prayer will be offered today by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Pfotenhauer, from Hilltop Lutheran Church of the Ascension, South Bend, IN

The guest Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, Wisdom Eternal, at the time Your Spirit breathed over the Earth and gave life and heart to all that is, You also called all people to be participants in Your holy actions. Enable each of us, especially those elected to this United States Senate and charged with being the voice of the people who inhabit this beloved land, to recognize our responsibility as conduits for these Your holy actions. Our prayer this morning, in voices lifted to You, resonates not only with the men, women, and children of our country but with the voice of humanity throughout the world and across the centuries. And so we, the family of the Senate, desiring to be filled anew this day with Your Spirit, Your wisdom, and Your purpose, plead with You to hear once more the prayer of Francis of Assisi.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JACK REED led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. Byrd).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, July 25, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Jack Reed, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. The first hour, as the Chair will shortly announce, will be a period of morning business. The Republican leader has control of the first half, and the Democratic leader has control of the second half.

At 10:30, we will begin consideration of the motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the Rockefeller amendment. There will be 1 hour of debate on that and a vote thereafter.

Last night, a unanimous consent agreement was entered into between

the two leaders that allows the majority leader to call up the legislative branch appropriations bill, which probably will be done sometime today. Following that, we may even go to the Defense bill. The order is we go to that before next Wednesday.

In the meantime, there is work being done. People worked in the Capitol until late last night trying to come up with some sort of amendment dealing with prescription drugs. We need a bipartisan agreement on that. It was a bipartisan group meeting last night.

The Senator from Oregon, the junior Senator from Oregon, Senator SMITH, wishes to speak for a few minutes now, and I ask unanimous consent he be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Oregon.

GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. FREDERICK W. PFOTENHAUER

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to say a few words about the reverend doctor who offered a word of prayer on behalf of this country and this institution this morning.

The Rev. Dr. Fritz Pfotenhauer has given me permission to refer to him personally as Fritz, but he is a most distinguished pastor and minister of the gospel. He is the pastor of the Hill-top Lutheran Church in South Bend, IN. He is descended from a long line of Lutheran ministers in an unbroken father-son succession dating back to the time of the great reformer, Martin Luther.

Dr. Pfotenhauer completed his Ph.D. in pastoral theology at the University of Notre Dame where he also taught for 20 years until his retirement recently.

He will also retire at the end of this year as the pastor of Hilltop Lutheran after 36 years of service to that community and 46 years as an ordained minister.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

